

❖ LOOK, UP IN THE SKY – IT'S COMET NEOWISE! PAGE 5

# MAD RIVER

VOL. 7, NO. 44 ♦ 12 PAGES

CELESTIAL SIGHTING  
Comet C/2020  
F3 NEOWISE  
as seen from  
Kneeland Airport.  
ARLO REEVES | ASTRONOMERS OF HUMBOLDT

# UNION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020 ♦ EST. 2013 ♦ \$1

## Parolee charged with attempted murder

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Arcata Police reported Sunday the arrest of Jerry Mitchell Odom Jr. (age 34) on a charge of attempted murder. Odom is on active parole with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR).

On Friday, July 17 at about 9:40 p.m., APD officers responded to Carlson Park Way in Valley West on the report of a male stabbing victim.

Officers quickly arrived and located a victim who'd been stabbed in the neck. Officers undertook life-saving efforts until the arrival of ambulance staff. The victim was taken to Mad River Community Hospital where he underwent emergency surgery for the injury. The victim survived and is in stable condition.

On Sunday, July 19, Odom voluntarily turned himself in to officers and he was taken into custody without incident. Odom was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked on a charge of attempted murder and placed on a parole hold.

## Council hears APD reforms, renews COVID emergency

Kevin L. Hoover

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – The City Council last week acted on matters routine, unusual and extraordinary, in keeping with the challenging times.

Mayor Michael Winkler began with a statement urging citizens to wear masks to reduce coronavirus transmission and allow businesses to safely reopen. Compliance has proven inconsistent, as noted in a public comment complaining about unmasked persons communing on the Plaza.



Chief Brian Ahearn

The council continued the state of local emergency related to the coronavirus pandemic. It also renewed ordinances extending restrictions on tenant evictions due to rent nonpayment from the pandemic.

Increases in water and wastewater rates, approved at the last council meeting, gained final approval as part of the consent calendar. The increases have been delayed due to the pandemic, with new water rates not kicking in until Sept. 1, and wastewater rate hikes deferred until Jan. 1, 2021.

The council approved two applications totaling more than \$257,000 to the state's Community Development Block Grant Program for coronavirus-related funding.

8

COUNCIL ♦ PAGE 8

Stay connected with  
**OLLI** • HSU

## Celebrate OLLI's 15th anniversary!

\$15 summer classes for members

The new OLLI membership year starts July 1.

Join or renew today.

An OLLI at HSU membership (\$35) provides access to lifelong learning experiences and the connection and support of a vibrant community of learners.

Renew your membership or join today:  
[humboldt.edu/olli](http://humboldt.edu/olli)



**PASSING PAGEANT** The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and the Arcata Fire District led a parade of Humboldt Cruisers beautiful and vintage vehicles past assembled senior residents outside Timber Ridge in McKinleyville on July 11, followed by families, friends, and others. Participants smiled, waved and held signs reading, "We Love You Nana," since they couldn't hug or physically touch each other.

PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION



## COVID clampdown partly reverses reopening

Case leap renews ban on bars, indoor activities as summer socializing beckons

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – The state has reeled back some of the business openings it previously green-lighted and county enforcement of a new public health order began on July 17.

Governor Gavin Newsom announced the new order on July 13. It responds to the state's escalating COVID-19 case rate and orders the statewide closing of bars and some previously-allowed indoor activities.

Restaurants, wineries, family entertainment businesses and museums must move their operations outdoors

or close.

Thirty-one counties – up from 19 earlier this month – are on the state's "monitoring watch list." In those counties, gyms, fitness centers, places of worship, non-essential offices, personal care businesses and malls must also move outside or close.

Humboldt County has hit one of the primary thresholds for being listed. Its 14-day average number of cases per 100,000 people is almost 26, which Public Health Officer Teresa Frankovich describes as being "clearly an increase."

Briefing the Board of Supervisors

at its July 14 meeting, Frankovich said the county's not on the state list because it falls below a second threshold.

Humboldt's testing positivity rate is at 2.5 percent and has peaked at four to five percent, while the state's listing trigger is eight percent.

But there is concern about viral transmission as summer progresses. Supervisor Virginia Bass said there's been word of "extremely large weddings" happening and she's gotten phone calls reporting unsafe operation of a restaurant/brewery.

Celebrations and family gatherings

COVID ♦ PAGE 8

## Arcata Fire commissions equity plan

Jack Durham

MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE/ARCATA – The Arcata Fire District Board of Directors voted unanimously July 14 to create a "racial equity action plan."

The district will pay Stepping Stone Diversity Consulting, a local company, about \$800 to create the plan. The money will come from a fund donated by Debbie Davis in memory

of her late husband, George Alan Davis, a 41-year veteran firefighter who died in 2015.

The fund is intended for training and projects that improve the fire department, which covers McKinleyville, Arcata, Bay-

side, Manila and Jacoby Creek.

Stepping Stone co-directors Aristea Saulsbury and Melissa Meiris will meet with district staff to discuss existing policies, procedures and community relationships.

They will survey district staff, analyze the results, meet with district leadership and "draft a report of findings, including completing a racial equity analysis protocol and an initial Racial Equity Action Plan," according to a information submitted to the district by the company.

Arcata Fire Chief Justin McDonald said that the idea started when he attended a June 1 gathering at the Eureka Police Department, where numerous officials gathered to protest hate in the wake of the killing of George Floyd by a police officer in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

EQUITY ♦ PAGE 2

## 'Friends' push fire funding

MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE/ARCATA – The newly formed Friends of Arcata Fire held its second Zoom meeting last week, focusing on media outreach for its November funding measure.

Identical to March's failed Measure R, the new Measure F would tax property owners to restore full staffing for the Arcata Fire Protection District.

The new group, led by Roy Willis (see page 9), plans to educate the public about the proposed fee and address objections.

**I ❤️ RCB**

"Redwood Capital Bank always goes above and beyond. When you bank at RCB, you are family. We wouldn't be anywhere else."

Nicole & Ken Johnson  
CKC Image

EUREKA 402 G Street 444-9800  
ARCATA 1315 G Street 826-0878  
FORTUNA 1075 S. Fortuna Blvd. 725-4722  
HENDERSON CENTER 2816 F Street, Eureka 444-9888

Redwood Capital Bank

**opendoor**  
Community Health Centers

**Yes! WE'RE OPEN**

FOR ALMOST 50 YEARS OPEN DOOR HAS BEEN DELIVERING HIGH-QUALITY HEALTH CARE ON THE NORTH COAST.

**WE ARE DEDICATED TO YOUR HEALTH.**

STAYING IN GOOD HEALTH IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.

WE HAVE NEW WAYS FOR YOU TO CONNECT WITH YOUR HEALTH CARE TEAMS.

**PLEASE CALL US AT (707) 269-7073**

opendoorhealth.com/tele

## How to utilize, support local thrift stores in the present circumstances

### CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA — The City of Arcata encourages residents to go zero waste by shopping at or donating items to local second hand stores.

Shopping at or donating items to second hand stores helps keep plastic out of the landfill and decreases textile waste.

Several local second hand stores have begun to reopen with new COVID-19 protocol in place for a safer shopping experience, and community members who are out shopping in Arcata are asked to:

- Wear a face covering or mask in all local businesses.

- Practice physical distancing and follow all health and safety guidelines in place.

- Use hand sanitizer or hand washing stations when provided and encouraged to.

- Be patient as many businesses may only allow a limited number of customers inside their stores.

When making a donation, it is important to note that second hand stores must now adhere to new CDC guidelines and many have adjusted their donation protocols. Donation hours and the items that can be accepted may have changed.

The Environmental Services Depart-

ment has put together a guide with a list of local donation resources, which can be found at [cityofarcata.org/790/Resources-for-Residents](http://cityofarcata.org/790/Resources-for-Residents).

City staff will continue to update this web page with new information from local second hand stores as it becomes available.

When making a donation, community members are advised to:

- Call ahead to confirm hours of operation and what items will be accepted.

- Make sure all items are clean, dry, and in good working condition before donating.

- Ask yourself if the item you want to donate is something you would give to someone you know.

- If thrift stores and non-profits are unable to receive your items, make sure to take them to the appropriate disposal site instead of illegally dumping them. Visit [cityofarcata.org/309/Hazardous-Special](http://cityofarcata.org/309/Hazardous-Special) to learn how to properly dispose of everything from a light bulb to appliances and furniture.

To report illegal dumping, please call the Arcata Police Department at (707) 822-2424. For more zero waste tips, visit [cityofarcata.org](http://cityofarcata.org) or call the Environmental Services department at (707) 822-8184.





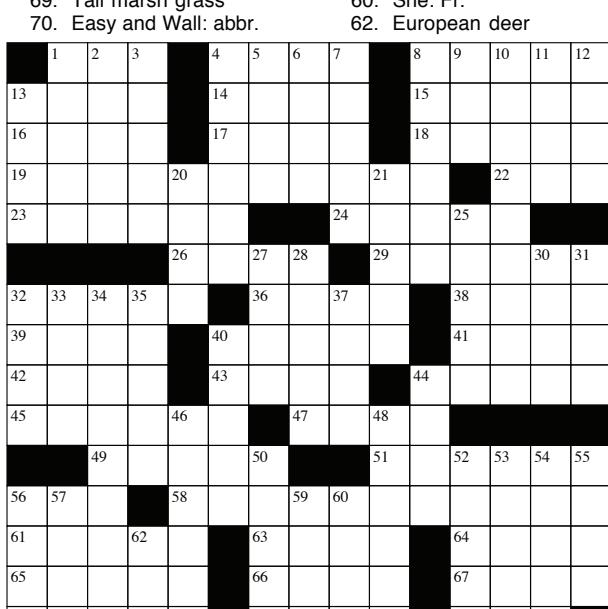
### CROSSWORD

#### ACROSS

- 1. City transport
- 4. Misfortunes
- 8. Crusty formations
- 13. Name for a French baby
- 14. Of sailing: abbr.
- 15. Sticky substance
- 16. Charles Lamb's alias
- 17. Clamp
- 18. Come after
- 19. Vegas attraction
- 22. Mil. branch
- 23. Became uneasy
- 24. Low point
- 26. Plant part
- 29. Acting awards
- 32. On the ball
- 36. Business group
- 38. Unique individual
- 39. Broncos' home: abbr.
- 40. Capital city
- 41. Coll. sports governing body
- 42. Did a garden chore
- 43. Greek god
- 44. Druggies
- 45. Trebek and Sajak
- 47. Precious
- 49. Dessert choice
- 51. 50 Down and others
- 56. Kyoto accessory
- 58. European nation
- 61. Roger or Garry
- 63. Healthy
- 64. Paper shredder?
- 65. Forbidden items
- 66. Perry Mason's creator
- 67. Weapons
- 68. Tiny picture
- 69. Tall marsh grass
- 70. Easy and Wall: abbr.

#### DOWN

- 1. Attractive woman
- 2. Workers' group
- 3. Chair parts
- 4. Enter forcibly
- 5. Of the congregation
- 6. Luxurious
- 7. Beverage container
- 8. Breaks a traffic law
- 9. Fire, slangily
- 10. Certainty
- 11. Units of heat: abbr.
- 12. Observed
- 13. Take a break
- 20. Liquify
- 21. Wynonna's mom
- 25. Religious works of art
- 27. In the distance
- 28. Penalized financially
- 30. Raise
- 31. Tijuana titles: abbr.
- 32. Hurt
- 33. Come into view
- 34. November events
- 35. Riders' show
- 37. Kennedy, for one
- 40. Quickness
- 44. Russia's \_\_\_ Mountains
- 46. Mr. Hemingway
- 48. Said "Amen"
- 50. Operating room substance of old
- 52. Narratives
- 53. Quick drink
- 54. Dutch exports
- 55. Supersonic transports, familiarly
- 56. Prefix for science or bus
- 57. Timely benefit
- 59. Aesop's race participant
- 60. She. Fr.
- 62. European deer



The weekly crossword is brought to you by **KINETIC KOFFEE**  
Organic, fresh, local and available at Eureka Natural Foods,  
Murphy's Markets, the North Coast Co-op and Wildberries!

## Track HSU's COVID adaptations online

### HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

HUMBOLDT STATE — HSU has launched a new website, [campusready.humboldt.edu](http://campusready.humboldt.edu), with detailed information about the preparations for the coming Fall semester.

This clearinghouse of information is organized so that students, faculty and staff can find the answers they're looking for regarding instruction, residence life, operations, health

and safety, student support and more.

It also provides the most recent announcements as well as information about the planning structure.

The site will continue to be updated as plans change and develop, and as the University responds to the pandemic based on the latest guidance from the CDC, CSU, California Department of Public Health, and Humboldt County Public Health.

### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Arcata's City Council meets online Wednesday, July 22 at 6 p.m. at [zoom.us/j/9964312196](http://zoom.us/j/9964312196). Join by phone by calling \*67 1-669-900-6833. Agenda items include approval of minutes from June 24, discuss-



ion of tasks from the City Council; finalization of the Community Safety Quick Reference Guide; election of a chairperson and vice-chairperson for the 2020/2021 fiscal year; review and discussion of the Campaign Zero website, and more.

## Equity | Nov. ballot measure advances

### FROM PAGE 1

"Listening to the speakers at the event caused me to look inward at our organization as to how we can ensure that we do our part by not allowing hate, bias and racism to be part of our organization and communities we serve," McDonald wrote in a report to the board.

### Tax measure advances

Also at the July 14 meeting, the board voted unanimously to place a tax mea-

sure on the Nov. 3 ballot. The measure is similar to the one that was defeated on March 3.

If the measure passes on Nov. 3, a typical single-family home would pay \$118 a year in additional property tax. That money would be used to hire additional firefighters to keep the district's three station open.

AFD is currently closing one station on a rotating basis.

## Comment sought on airports' community compatibility

### COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

HUMBOLDT — With the purpose of promoting safety between public use airports and the communities that surround them, Humboldt County is looking

### IN-HOME SERVICES



for feedback on the newly created Draft Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.

The document is an update to the state-mandated airport land use for:

- California Redwood Coast
- Humboldt County Airport
  - Dinsmore Airport
  - Garberville Airport
  - Kneeland Airport
  - Murray Field Airport
  - Rohnerville Airport

### Wesleyan Church of the Redwoods



- Samoa Field Airport
- Shelter Cove Airport

While Samoa and Shelter Cove are not county-run airports, the ALUC governs all of the public use airports in Humboldt, regardless of the agency that maintains them.

The policies in the document are designed to protect residents by ensuring the expansion of airports and the adoption of land use measures to minimize the public's exposure to excessive noise and safety hazards within areas around public airports.

These policies provide the foundation upon which the ALUC can execute its duty to review land use development

in areas around airports.

The Draft ALUCP is available for download on the county website. Submit comments via the county website through Aug. 20.

A paper copy of the ALUCP can be viewed at:

- Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 1st floor, Humboldt County Courthouse, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka.

Both printed and electronic copies (USB flash drive) are available to the public.

Please contact Cody Roggatz, Airports Director, at (707) 839-5401 or by email at [crogattz@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:crogattz@co.humboldt.ca.us) for a schedule of costs.

**Open by Appointment.**  
**Call (707) 826-2680**  
or email

[contact@arcatacabinet.com](mailto:contact@arcatacabinet.com)

### ARCATA CABINET

& design company



- Humboldt's only Certified Kitchen Designer
- Over 8,000 Paint Colors & Custom Doors
- Free Estimates & Personalized Service

[www.arcatacabinet.com](http://www.arcatacabinet.com) 707.826.2680

Showroom at 5000 West End Rd. in Arcata CL#608083

### DESIGN & BUILD

### COTTAGE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY



[www.COTTAGECONSTRUCTIONCO.COM](http://www.COTTAGECONSTRUCTIONCO.COM)

707-268-1116 ♦ LIC. 844598

## Arcata Bay Self Storage

*We are your friendly storage professionals*

- On-site Manager
- Car, RV & Boat Storage
- Conveniently Located
- Member of California Self Storage Association



The Mad River Union, (ISSN 1091-1510), is published weekly (Wednesdays)

by Kevin L. Hoover and Jack Durham, 791 Eighth St. (Jacoby's Storehouse), Suite 8, Arcata, CA 95521.

Periodicals Postage Paid at Arcata, CA.

Subscriptions: \$40/year

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the Mad River Union, 791 Eighth St., Suite 8, Arcata, CA 95521

### Letters & Departments

Letters to the Editor & Opinion columns: Noon Friday

Press Releases: 5 p.m. Friday

Legal Notices: 5 p.m. Friday

Press releases: (707) 826-7000 [news@madriverunion.com](mailto:news@madriverunion.com)

Letters to the Editor/Opinion: (707) 826-7000 [opinion@madriverunion.com](mailto:opinion@madriverunion.com)

Advertising: (707) 826-7355 [ads@madriverunion.com](mailto:ads@madriverunion.com)

Entertainment: (707) 826-7000 [scene@madriverunion.com](mailto:scene@madriverunion.com)

Legal notices: (707) 826-7000 [legals@madriverunion.com](mailto:legals@madriverunion.com)

Jack D. Durham, Editor & Publisher [editor@madriverunion.com](mailto:editor@madriverunion.com)

Kevin L. Hoover, Editor-at-Large, Publisher [opinion@madriverunion.com](mailto:opinion@madriverunion.com)

Jada C. Brotnan, Advertising Manager [ads@madriverunion.com](mailto:ads@madriverunion.com)

### Daniel Mintz, Janine Volkmar Reporters

Matthew Filar, Moonlight Macumber, Terry Finigan Photographers

Patti Fleschner, Mara Segal, April Sousa, Bob Doran Columnists

Karrie Wallace, Distribution Manager [karielle@madriverunion.com](mailto:karielle@madriverunion.com)

Marty Burdette, Proofreader

### © 2020 The Mad River Union



**MAD RIVER UNION**  
(707) 826-7000 [MADRIVERUNION.COM](http://MADRIVERUNION.COM)

## The zoo is actually still open, reservations required

EUREKA – The Sequoia Park Zoo is open! While the latest COVID-19 mandates have led to reduced services again, the zoo's outdoor operations do not fall under these restrictions.

The Zoo Gift Shop will be closed as it is considered an indoor operation.

Visit [sequoiaparkzoo.net](http://sequoiaparkzoo.net) for up-to-date information and to make required reservations for your next visit.

Additional safety measures you will notice on your next zoo visit include



pathways, encouraging social distancing of at least six feet between groups, increased cleaning and sanitization practices and closing certain high touch areas. These key safety measures have been implemented as part of our re-opening plan

with the county.

The Sequoia Park Zoo is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with last entry at 4 p.m. The zoo will be closed every Monday. Online Reservations Required via [sequoiaparkzoo.net](http://sequoiaparkzoo.net).

Thanks for supporting the best film archive around!

**LA DOLCE VIDEO**  
1540 G Street • Northtown Arcata  
707-822-7413 • [ladolce.video](http://ladolce.video)

Open for curbside pickup Tues-Sat 12-5 (707) 822 7413

**PIERSON BUILDING CENTER**

HOWEVER LONG THIS LASTS, PIERSON'S WILL REMAIN OPEN TO HELP THE RESIDENTS OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY.

TEMPORARY STORE HOURS:  
MONDAY-SATURDAY 8 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.  
SUNDAY 9 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.

**STAR LIFE MASKS**  
LOCALLY MADE ♦ LOW WASTE  
At Arcata Co-op, Wildberries Marketplace and by special order.  
[starlifemasks.com](http://starlifemasks.com) ♦ (707) 633-8581

Made with locally sourced and recycled materials.



**PureWaterSpas**  
HOT TUBS | SERVICE | SUPPLIES

JAYSOOTER.COM  
3750 BROADWAY  
707.444.8001

MON -SAT  
10:30-5:30

\*PLEASE CHECK OUR FACEBOOK FOR DAILY UPDATES\*

**SIX RIVERS BREWERY**

FOOD SPECIALS & GROWLER FILLS  
Open Days and Hours will vary\*  
Rotating Food Menu & Guest Growler Options  
INCLUDING LOCAL FAVORITES:  
Beer of the Day from The Bigfoot Taproom  
Diane's Sweet Heat Jams • Humboldt Cider  
Humboldt HotSauce • It's Alive Kombucha  
Trinity River Vineyards Wine  
We thank you for your support and your patience in these challenging times! Talia & Meredith

Good food needs good leadership

## Run for our BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

- ✓ Represent our thousands of members
- ✓ Support our local food system
- ✓ Provide direction by setting policies

Applications are available at Customer Service and our website  
[www.northcoast.coop/elections](http://www.northcoast.coop/elections)

## MEMBERS:

Apply for candidacy by August 11!

Your organic member-owned grocery store since 1973.

**NORTH COAST CO-OP**

811 1 St. Arcata | 25 4th St. Eureka



HUMBOLDT'S FULL-SERVICE BICYCLE SHOP SERVING THE COMMUNITY FOR OVER 20 YEARS

**Get outside and go for a bicycle ride!**



Open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Closed Sunday & Monday

**REVOLUTION ARCATA**  
1593 G STREET  
ARCATA, CA  
707-822-2562

**REVOLUTION EUREKA**  
2811 F STREET  
EUREKA, CA  
707-443-9861

**24★7**  
**the PLAY STATION 777**  
GAS ★ FOOD ★ FUN

**\$0.20/GAL CASH DISCOUNT!**

Icons for gas pump, slot machine, fork/knife, and 24-hour service.

**BLUE LAKE CASINO ♦ HOTEL**

**1.877.BLC.2WIN**  
[WWW.BLUELAKECASINO.COM](http://WWW.BLUELAKECASINO.COM)

**Management reserves the right to cancel or modify promotions at any time. An enterprise of the Blue Lake Rancheria Tribe. ©2020 Blue Lake Rancheria Tribe. All Rights Reserved**



Nora Wynne

## McK Middle School's Nora Wynne is 'most deserving' Humboldt County Teacher of the Year

HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

HUMBOLDT – Nora Wynne, a Spanish teacher and instructional coach at McKinleyville Middle School, has been named the 2020 Humboldt County Teacher of the Year.

"Congratulations to Ms. Nora Wynne for being selected as the 2020 Humboldt County Teacher of the Year" said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Chris Hartley. "Nora is an exemplary teacher who deeply cares about the success of all students. Her ability to provide excellent instruction while fostering community within her classroom transcends into a strong, engaging and equitable learning environment. She serves as a true teacher leader that is highly respected in our community for her integrity, commitment to excellence and advocacy."

This marks the second consecutive year a Spanish teacher has received the honor – Eureka High's Tim Olson was one of two recipients of the award in 2019.

"It means a lot to me to get the Humboldt County Teacher of the Year award" Wynne said. "I feel honored. I know that there are so many people in our profession working really hard to serve their community, who deserve recognition too. To be given this award makes me feel seen and feel that my work is appreciated, which is all we can ask for."

Wynne was chosen from among the 13 local educators who received the Humboldt County Office of Education's Excellence in Teaching award in May. She now has the opportunity to represent Humboldt County as nominee for the California Teacher of the Year.

After starting her career as a Peace Corps volunteer in Guatemala in 1997, Wynne started teaching locally in 1999, and has been doing it ever since. In addition to teaching Spanish at McKinleyville Middle School, she is the Immersion Coordinator for Spanish Immersion schools in McKinleyville, and has taught in Humboldt State's Secondary Education program since 2000. With a Master's degree in Multicultural Education, with a focus on racism and homophobia in Teacher Preparation, she teaches future teachers about Classroom Management, Multicultural Issues, and more.

"After serving in the Peace Corps, I realized how much privilege I have, and how much inequity there is, and felt that I had a duty to serve my community," Wynne said. "I love kids, and I love teaching, and it has been a good fit. Speaking two languages opened so many doors for me, that I want to offer that to every student. By learning another language, I know that my students will appreciate other people, other cultures, and many ways of being."

McKinleyville Union School District Superintendent Heidi Moore-Guynup was thrilled to hear of Wynne's achievement.

"Nora Wynne is the most deserving recipient of Humboldt County's Teacher of the Year ever," said Moore-Guynup. "She is a talented and committed educator who has helped to shape hundreds of lives but it goes far beyond that. She is a tireless advocate for equitable practices, inclusion, and for the underprivileged, and has worked relentlessly to assist her colleagues and others to recognize the imperative need to lift all students up regardless of their life circumstances. She is a perpetual learner, coach and mentor. The McKinleyville Union Elementary School District and our broader McKinleyville community is stronger and better because of the efforts of Ms. Wynne. She is an absolute treasure!"

Wynne's Excellence in Teaching featured video and more information is available at [hcoe.org/awards](http://hcoe.org/awards).

## Repeat DUI offender captured, lodged in correctional facility

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – A day after the District Attorney's Office asked the public for help in apprehending Nathan Michael LaCount, he was arrested by Eureka Police at the Clarion Motel in Eureka. LaCount, 40, was arrested at 8:30 a.m. on July 16 and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on a no bail warrant.

LaCount was wanted for causing injury while driving under the combined influence of drugs and alcohol, hit and run causing injury, child endangerment and con-

spiracy.

Since 1999, LaCount has been convicted of DUI 8 times in addition to multiple convictions for evading law enforcement and hit and run. He has been offered many programs and been given many opportunities to alter his behavior.

In February of this year, LaCount pled guilty to charges linked to incidents in 2016 and 2019. In the 2016 incident, LaCount crashed a vehicle causing



Nathan LaCount

injury to a passenger, whom he left on the side of the road and fled the scene. In the 2019 incident, LaCount drove while methamphetamine-impaired and crashed again, this time causing injury to his 3-year-old child.

At his sentencing on March 11, 2020, Judge Cockrum gave LaCount the opportunity to attend the Delancey Street Foundation, an in-patient residential drug/alcohol treatment facility in San

Francisco, to be followed by a term of probation. The judge also gave LaCount an 8-year prison sentence recommended by the District Attorney's Office, but suspended that sentence pending successful completion of the Delancey Street program and probation.

On April 10, 2020, the District Attorney's Office learned that LaCount had walked away from the Delancey Street Foundation. Judge Cockrum issued arrest warrants for LaCount that same day and set bail at \$100,000 if law enforcement captured LaCount.

the county, has been "subjected to extremely unfair treatment."

"Your actions show me you don't want the best and brightest diverse workforce – you only want the best and brightest white Christian people," said Kalin.

He got backup from Kent Sawatzky, who actively follows and participates in board meetings.

"Sometimes I feel like I'm dealing with an organization from the county which is called Hypocrites R US," he said after describing Kalin's comments as being "very well put."

The county does follow equal opportunity hiring standards, he continued, "But I see those people being singled out ... you don't have the backs of the people here."

There were no direct responses from supervisors but Supervisor Mike Wilson reiterated comments he'd made earlier on "the broader aspect of our role in inclusion, diversity, equity and environmental justice."

Wilson said those issues warrant further discussion. He suggested that they will be explored in future agenda items, saying, "Our focus is on our workforce at this moment but there are some valid issues we're going to have to deal with again and I'm looking forward to having those conversations."

He added that "we, as supervisors, as part of doing our jobs, have to reach out more and more and always do better at that."

The board unanimously approved the diversity directive.

## County faces accusations over diversity plan

### Supe. Bohn's racist joke not forgotten

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County's Board of Supervisors has resolved to "promote and increase diversity, equity and inclusion" in the county's workforce but has been accused of doing the opposite.

National attention to social equity issues was reflected in a July 14 supervisors discussion.

It culminated with directing staff to "explore, prepare, and develop strategies and practices to support a diverse workplace and harness the benefits of diversity and inclusion to achieve organizational excellence."

The discussion was sponsored by Supervisor Rex Bohn, who was accused of racism last year after telling an overheard joke linking Mexicans with petty crime. He was further criticized for not sufficiently owning up to it.

But he said a push for equity "has been on a lot of people's radar" and he wants to "bring it back to us so we can do it at a county level and lead by example."

Linda Le, the county's new director of human resources, said she will be "drawing on a lot of personal experiences" in addition to having inter-departmental and community conversations.

The outcome of the "open conversations" will be a "very meaningful plan" for fostering diversity and inclusion, said Le.

Bohn said he has "dealt with this for a few weeks" with Connie Stew-

art of the California Center for Rural Policy and Stewart and Le have perspectives "that most of us can't imagine." Stewart is Black and Le is Asian.

Le said there is about 22 percent "minority representation" in the county's workforce. And during a public comment session, Deputy Public Defender Rory Kalin said minorities are subject to mistreatment in county government.

Kalin told supervisors of his civil lawsuit against Superior Court Judge Gregory Elvine-Kreis alleging anti-Semitism. "The Board has done nothing and anti-Semitism is one of the oldest forms of discrimination in the world," he said. "The board says it wants to improve communication and engage in dialogue on acceptance (but) this type of communication has been non-existent with recent situations – it appears that the patterns of the past will continue to be the practices of the future."

Kalin gave examples – he said the county's former director of Child Welfare Services and its ADA coordinator left their jobs due to discrimination and "the Board is acting hostile" to County Auditor-Controller Karen Paz Dominguez.

The alleged mistreatment is "coming on the heels" of Bohn's joke, Kalin continued. He also said County Counsel Jeffrey Blanck, who has alleged anti-Semitism in a lawsuit against



Rex Bohn

More than 5.8 million

Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease – the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States and the third leading cause of death in California.

Additionally, more than 16 million family members and friends provide care to people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

If you would like more information, contact the Alzheimer's Association Community Engagement Manager Kim Coelho, at (707) 407-8826 or email [kcoelho@alz.org](mailto:kcoelho@alz.org).

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Since 1989, the Alzheimer's Association mobilized millions of Americans in the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk; now the Alzheimer's Association is continuing to lead the way with Walk to End Alzheimer's. Together, we can end Alzheimer's.

The Alzheimer's Association is a worldwide voluntary health organization dedicated to Alzheimer's care, support and research. Its mission is to lead the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia – by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. Visit [alz.org](http://alz.org) or call 1 (800) 272-3900.

On April 18, 2020, Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies arrested LaCount for the outstanding warrants and booked him into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility. Prior to being arraigned in court, LaCount bailed out of custody and was given a court date of July 13, 2020. LaCount failed to appear at that court date and Judge Cockrum issued "no bail" warrants for his arrest.

Historically, LaCount frequents the Garberville/Redway area, possibly in the company of his wife Melissa LaCount.

## Film work resumes

### HUMBOLDT-DEL NORTE FILM COMMISSION

HUMBOLDT — The Humboldt-Del Norte Film Commission is excited to announce the region's re-opening for film productions.

In coordination with the local health department, Sheriff's Office, counties and other permitting agencies, the commission has helped create a framework to allow filming to resume in a safe manner.

In considering both the health and safety of locals, as well as the film crews that will be visiting the area to film, protocols have been developed to ensure that resuming filming will be undertaken with a preponderance of caution and consideration of all stakeholders.

The film industry, with guidance from the state department of health, studios and unions, has developed a white paper, outlining guidelines for set safety protocols for all filming in relation to COVID-19. The California Governor's office declared a resumption of filming on June 12.

During the shutdown of filming due to shelter-in-place orders, the film commission has been in contact at all levels to explore options to ensure the safety of locals while balancing the need for the renewed economic activity with the return of filming in the Redwood Region.

To address concerns of health and safety, the film commission is now required to be in contact with every production coming to the region for filming to ensure the compliance with any and all guidelines and regulations, prior to receiving a film permit and while the production is working in the area.

Health compliance officers are now required on crew to aid in health safety tasks such as track temperature, ensure testing of crew members as required, observe proper quarantine observance and to be in touch with the commission with any and all concerns.

Local cleaning crews will be hired by productions to ensure proper cleaning and sanitization of film sets and locations



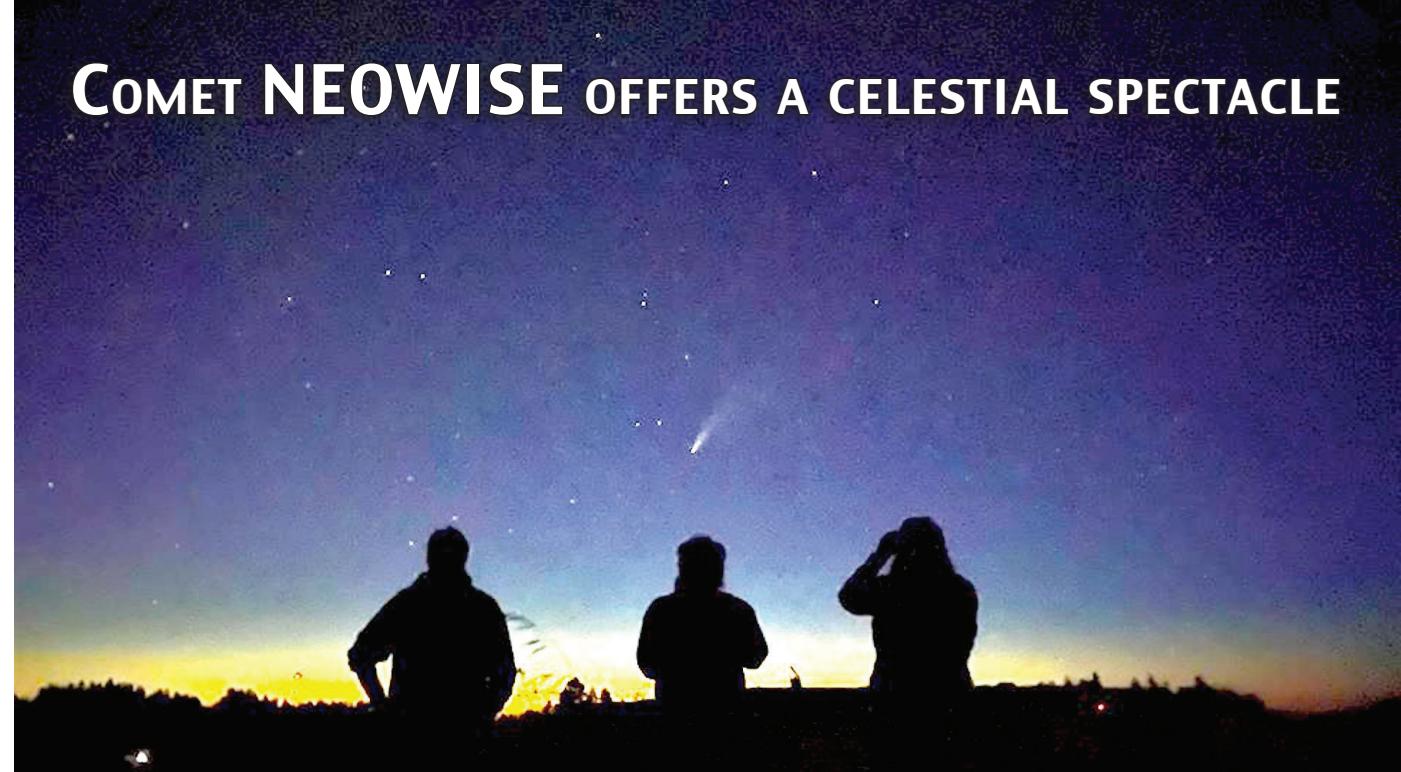
### BUBBLY BIRTHDAY

Trinity Rasband's 13th birthday was Sunday, July 19. To celebrate, the newly minted teenager (seen at center right), her family and friends are projecting bubblicious fun throughout the county every day in July, including the Arcata Plaza on Friday. "We are blowing the bubbles and spreading the happiness because in this time of Covid there's no way to get together as our birthday parties," said mom Jessica. "And so we figured the best way to celebrate was to celebrate with happiness and spread it to whoever we could." Sunday saw the bold birthday bubble blowers bring abundant bevyes of Brobdingnagian blobules to Eureka's Madaket Plaza. Happy birthday, Trinity!

PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION



## COMET NEOWISE OFFERS A CELESTIAL SPECTACLE



**COMET NEOWISE** Speaking of shimmering blobs (see above right), Comet C/2020 F3 NEOWISE commanded the attention of local astronomers and regular folks alike over the weekend. The Astronomers of Humboldt held an observation event at Kneeland Airport, with photographer Arlo Reeves from Mendocino capturing the stunning images above. According to NASA, its Near-Earth Object Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (NEOWISE) probe discovered the icy visitor on March 27, 2020, using its two infrared channels, which are sensitive to the heat signatures given off by the object as it became excited by solar radiation. The comet cruised just inside the orbit of Mercury on July 3, is cooking the comet's outermost layers, causing gas and dust to erupt off the icy surface and creating a large tail of debris. NSAS noted that observers all over the world are racing to see the natural fireworks display before the comet speeds away, back into the depths of space. Even the astronauts aboard the International Space Station spotted it from their vantage point high above Earth's atmosphere. The comet was visible about an hour before sunrise, close to the horizon in the northeastern sky in the United States. The NEOWISE spacecraft was launched in December 2009 and was originally named the Wide-Field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE). Just out of curiosity, the Union checked in with the Flat Earth Society to see what its alternative explanation for the comet might be. Several Flat Earthers asserted that NEOWISE is a "projection," or some sort of CGI visual.

PHOTOS BY ARLO REEVES | ASTRONOMERS OF HUMBOLDT



## Headwaters hikes for all ability levels

### BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

ARCATA — The Bureau of Land Management has opened the South Side Trail in the Headwaters Forest Reserve and announced the start of guided hikes in the Salmon Pass area on the south side of the reserve.

The new South Side Trail runs parallel to the Elk River Trail beginning at the Elk River Trailhead. The 1.6-mile trail is accessible via a seasonal bridge over the Elk River. It is narrow and winding and includes several moderate climbs. The trail loops back to the Elk River Trail, reconnecting at the one-mile marker.

"The trail is limited to hikers to conserve the ecological integrity of the area," said Molly Brown, manager of the BLM.

Arcata Field Office. "Bike riders and those hiking with their dogs can experience the reserve on the Elk River Trail."

The Elk River Trail includes segments for all abilities. The first mile is paved and accessible for those with mobility difficulties. The total hike is 10.5 miles.

BLM is now accepting reservations for docent-led hikes on the Salmon Pass Trail at the south end of the reserve. Hikes are scheduled for the third Sunday of each month through November. Hikers can reserve an outing by calling the BLM Arcata Field Office, (707) 825-2300.

[blm.gov/programs/national-conservation-lands/california/headwaters-forest-reserve](http://blm.gov/programs/national-conservation-lands/california/headwaters-forest-reserve)

## Bodhi's going to sniff out your heroin

### EUREKA POLICE DEPT.

HUMBOLDT — The Eureka Police Department is pleased to introduce K9 Bodhi, a two-year-old Labrador Retriever. Bodhi is trained to detect narcotics (heroin, methamphetamine, and cocaine) firearms and ammunition.

Bodhi is assigned to the multi-agency Humboldt County Drug Task Force (HCDTF) to combat sales, manufacturing, and distribution of illegal drugs in Humboldt County.

Bodhi's handler is a Eureka Police Officer currently assigned as a Special Agent with the HCDTF. Bodhi and his handler will be reassigned to the Eureka Police Department once their HCDTF rotation has ended.

Bodhi has already alerted to 6 pounds of heroin during an investigation on July 13. EPD is proud of its participation and partnership with the HCDTF and anticipates many more successful deployments for Bodhi.



Bodhi



**Mazzetti's**

STEAKS & SEAFOOD

PASTAS & SPECIALTIES

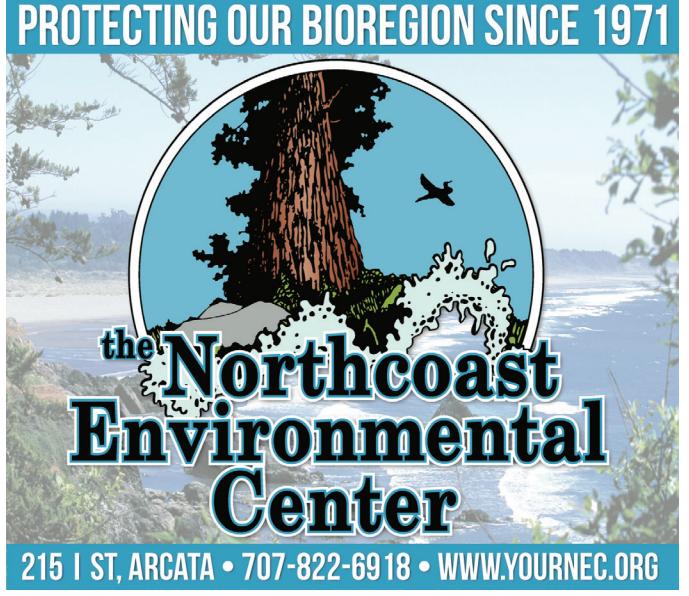
773 Eighth St. • Arcata • (707) 822-1900  
SERVING TAKE OUT  
Check our Facebook page  
for weekly menu

**EMERGENCY SERVICE 24/7**

**STEVE'S**  
**SEPTIC**  
**SERVICE**

#1 IN THE #2 BUSINESS!  
707-839-2270

PROTECTING OUR BIOREGION SINCE 1971



the Northcoast Environmental Center

215 1 ST, ARCATA • 707-822-6918 • WWW.YOURNEC.ORG

**HUMBOLDT SANITATION**

OPEN FOR TRASH & GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL.  
CRV RECYCLING BUYBACK CENTER  
TEMPORARILY CLOSED DUE TO COVID-19

Open 7 days a week • Mon – Sat 9-5/ Sun 9-4  
2585 Central Ave. • McKinleyville  
humboldtsanitation.com • (707) 839-3285

**TRINITY DIESEL, INC.**



**GENERATORS**

Sales, Service and Repair  
Several Brands Available  
Priced Right For Every Budget

707-826-8400 • trinitydiesel@trinitydiesel.com

5065 Boyd Road • Arcata (Off Giuntoli Lane near the 299 Exit)  
Monday-Friday 8AM-5PM • Saturdays by Appointment

DEPOSIT YOUR UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS HERE!  
Keep prescription medicine away from our children and out of our water supply!

**MedReturn**

YES - Accepted  
• Prescriptions  
• Prescription Refills  
• Prescription Medications  
• Over-the-counter Medications  
• Vitamins  
• Samples  
• Medications for pets

STOP  
• Do not flush  
• Do not put in regular trash

UNUSED MEDICATIONS IN YOUR HOME?

DISPOSE OF THEM SAFELY AT ONE OF SIX MEDICATION DISPOSAL BINS LOCATED IN PHARMACIES THROUGHOUT HUMBOLDT COUNTY

**SAFE HUMBOLDT**  
Safer Care and Better Outcomes

[humboldtgov.org/PrescriptionDrugSafety](http://humboldtgov.org/PrescriptionDrugSafety)

**COUNTY of HUMBOLDT**  
The Home of the Redwoods

**Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services**

## Marty and Smokey are gentlemen of the first order

Week 18 of shelter in place. Volunteers have been returning to the shelter over the past week.

The dogs are happy for more walks and new faces, though we have learned that masks with dog faces on them are confusing to our canine friends! Fortunately we can let them see our real faces out on our walks away from others.

Amid the various pandemic adjustments, adoptions continue at a good pace. Potential adopters can always go to [petharbor.com](http://petharbor.com) to see the most cur-

rently available dogs and cats.

Two new dogs that have just come up for adoption are Marty and Smokey.

Marty is a 3-year-old male. He is a tall lanky fellow that looks like a possible mix of German Shepherd and Siberian Husky. Marty came to the shelter very underweight and yet has been reliably gentle while taking treats from us. He has put on a few pounds and is looking quite dashing now.

He has a beautiful black and cream coat and a happy face. Marty is very house-



DOGTOWN  
Mara Segal



Marty

broken and came with some obedience skills already onboard. He knows Sit and Shake and is attentive to his handler. His leash skills are still a work in progress but this smart boy should have those down soon.

As we walked by the beach overlook near the shelter, Marty's nose went on full alert. I would guess he's spent some time romping on the sand in his past life. Marty is not much interested in balls or toys but loves pets and attention. If you're looking for a nice hiking companion, come check out Marty!

Sweet little Smokey charmed us from the start with his big smile! This one-year-old Staffordshire is a sturdy little guy.

He has a lovely silver grey coat with a white blaze on his chest. Smokey loves his friends, both human and canine. He has been good with every dog that

we have walked with him, from smaller females to big males.

He loves to get out for a walk but is not particularly high energy and is happy to have lounge time as well. All of our coastal dogs have been looking for shade on these summer days!

Smokey knows Sit and is nicely food-motivated. He loves to get pets and will grunt happily when the right spot on his neck is scratched. Like Marty, Smokey is not much of a toy or ball dog, preferring to use his play yard time to sniff around and pick up the news. This one will make a good cuddly companion!

Marty and Smokey are both available through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter. The shelter is still open by appointment only, Monday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm. To set up an appointment to meet them, call (707) 840-9132.

### ❖ GREAT, JUST GREAT

## On top of everything else, ticks are abounding

### CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – The Environmental Services Department would like to remind the community that tick season is here.

Ticks are tiny, spider-like bugs that attach themselves to the skin of people and animals. While many ticks are not harmful, some can transmit disease.

Only one tick found lo-

cally can transmit the bacterium that causes Lyme disease – the Western blacklegged tick.

Avoiding tick bites is the easiest way to avoid tick-borne disease, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the following precautions to prevent tick bites:

- Avoid wooded and bushy areas with high grass and leaf litter.
- When hiking, be sure to stay on cleared paths and designated trails.
- Wear protective clothing when outdoors, preferably light-colored, long-sleeved shirts and pants.
- Always check for ticks on your body and clothing after returning from exploring the outdoors.
- Check your pets for ticks



### BLOODTHIRSTY BUGS

The western blacklegged tick (*Ixodes pacificus*): larva, nymph, adult male, adult female. STATE OF CALIFORNIA IMAGE

regularly, especially after they spend time outside.

Young ticks are very small, about the size of a poppy seed. When checking for ticks, and in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, seek help from someone from inside your household to inspect those hard-to-reach areas whenever possible.

Be sure to check ex-

tra-carefully for ticks on areas of the body where hair is present.

• Speak to your veterinarian about the best tick-prevention methods available for your pets.

If you find a tick on yourself or a pet, please follow these steps recommended by the CDC:

• Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the surface of the skin as possible. Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Do not jerk or twist the tick, this can cause their mouth-parts to break off and remain in the skin. If this happens, remove the mouth-parts with tweezers. Make sure the entire tick has been removed, including the head. If you are unable to remove the mouth easily with clean tweezers, leave it alone and let the skin heal.

• After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol or soap and water.

• Never crush a tick with your fingers. Dispose of a live tick by putting it in alcohol, placing it in a sealed bag or container, wrapping it tightly in tape or flushing it down the toilet.

• If you develop tick-borne illness symptoms such as fever, chills, a rash at the site of the tick bite, or unusual aches and pains up to 30 days after experiencing a tick bite, consult your medical provider immediately and let them know you were bitten by a tick.

For information, please visit [gov/ticks/index.html](http://gov/ticks/index.html).

**GROW With US!**

Nursery & Garden Center  
Shop & Power Equipment  
Landscape Contractors

**Miller Farms**  
839-1571 • 1828 Central Ave, McKinleyville  
[www.millerfarmsnursery.com](http://www.millerfarmsnursery.com)



Commercial | Home | Auto | Life | Health

We've got you covered

**Pauli-Shaw**  
INSURANCE AGENCY

7th & F Arcata • 707 822-7251 • Lic. #0C60256

**FIRST 5 HUMBOLDT**  
Humboldt County Children & Families Commission

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

First 5 Humboldt, a local government agency, seeks proposals for Brand Strategy & Messaging Consultation. See [www.first5humboldt.org](http://www.first5humboldt.org) for details. Due 7/24/20



LANTERNS PAST The 2014 lantern float. MARK LARSON PHOTO

## 38th Annual Arcata Lantern Floating Ceremony to take place on video this year

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA — The 38th Annual Arcata Lantern Floating Ceremony will be celebrated via a video to be released Aug. 8.

The City of Arcata's Nuclear-Free Zone Committee started the Arcata Lantern Floating Ceremony 38 years ago to commemorate the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 and to affirm Arcata's dedication to the cause of peace.

The ceremony has since evolved into a beautiful opportunity for the community to come together for a collective moment of remembrance and reflection.

For the health and safety of the community, ceremony organizers are offering alternative ways to share intentions, hopes and remembrance in lieu of lantern floating at the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary this year. Community members are invited to share photographs, artwork and inscriptions in honor of departed loved ones and ancestors.

Messages of peace and hope for racial and cultural harmony are also encouraged.

A video compilation of community submissions will be released on YouTube on Saturday, Aug. 8 and will include performances of local musicians, poets and speakers, including Mayor Michael Winkler.

The video and a community message board will also be available for viewing year-round at [arcatalanternfloatingceremony.org](http://arcatalanternfloatingceremony.org).

Digital submissions can be emailed to us@arcatalanternfloatingceremony.org. Submissions received after Monday, July 20 will be included on [arcatalanternfloatingceremony.org](http://arcatalanternfloatingceremony.org), but not in the video release.

In addition, some community art and inscription submissions will be displayed in downtown Arcata.

For more information, please visit [arcatalanternfloatingceremony.org](http://arcatalanternfloatingceremony.org) or email us@arcatalanternfloatingceremony.org.

## Hefty federal grant will help keep the McKsewage a-flowing

Jack Durham

MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE — Three sewer lines that cross under U.S. Highway 101 in McKinleyville are going to get upgraded thanks to a \$2.54 million federal grant.

The McKinleyville Community Services District received a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Program that will cover 75 percent of the cost of a \$3.4 million project to replace sewer lines that cross under U.S. Highway 101 near Hiller Park. The MCSD will provide a \$850,000 match using sewer funds.

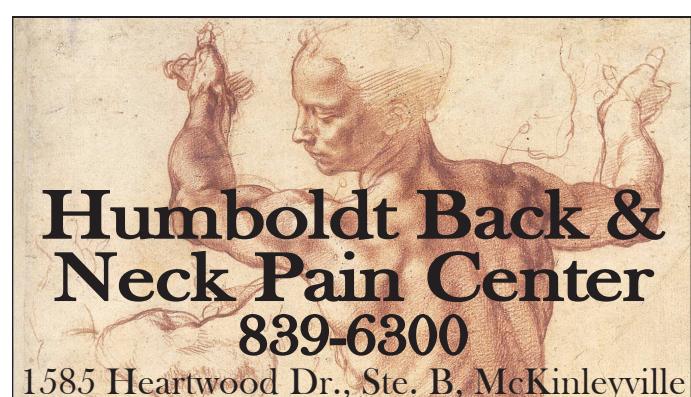
The MCSD Board of Directors voted unanimously July 1 to enter into a contract with GHD Inc. to design the project, complete all the necessary studies, obtain permits and manage construction. The GHD contract is for \$1,221,000.

The design and permitting will take place from now until June of 2021, when construction will begin. The construction portion of the project will go out to bid.

Three pipes that cross under U.S. Highway 101 will be replaced. The pipes carry sewage from the middle of McKinleyville to the Sewage Treatment Plan near Hiller Park.

"It is anticipated that all three crossings would be replaced with parallel High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) pipe that is more resilient to damage in a major earthquake and with a slightly larger capacity to handle larger storm event flows than the existing pipes," states a staff report provided by the board. "This long-term and independent solution will ensure MCSD can continue providing wastewater services, avoid contamination of local groundwater, streams, and parks with raw wastewater, and protect the integrity of Highway 101 above the crossings in the event of a major earthquake."

"This is a big deal and a real financial windfall for the district," said MCSD Director Dennis Mayo at the July 1 meeting.



### Humboldt Back & Neck Pain Center

839-6300

1585 Heartwood Dr., Ste. B, McKinleyville



**PPE FLOWING** The Humboldt County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) continues personal protective equipment (PPE) distribution to area health care providers. On Tuesday, July 14, EOC personnel dropped off more than 5,000 pieces of items, such as nitrile gloves, N95 masks, face shields and safety goggles to frontline staff. Those locations included Hospice of Humboldt, Granada Rehabilitation & Wellness Center and Jerold Phelps and Mad River community hospitals. Above, Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Correctional Officer Efrain Sanchez and EOC Logistics Supply Unit Leader Calvin Copeland prepare items for the North Coast Veterans Resource Center.

PHOTO COURTESY EOC JOINT INFORMATION CENTER.



Download coupons  
from our new website:  
[www.lube-central.com](http://www.lube-central.com)



LUBE  
CENTRAL

2014 winner!  
**BEST SMALL  
BUSINESS**  
McKinleyville

2018 winner!  
**BEST SMALL  
BUSINESS**  
McKinleyville

2017 winner!  
**CUSTOMER  
SERVICE AWARD**  
McKinleyville

**839-2171**

1590 Nursery Rd. McKinleyville

Bring in this coupon and receive  
**\$5 off any service!**

1590 Nursery Rd. McKinleyville

# McKinleyville



## Home & Garden Center

**Our employees are working hard to serve you. Please remember to be polite to our staff as we get through this together.**

We are OPEN and here to help!

SHOP  
IN STOREBUY ONLINE AND  
PICKUP IN STORESTRAIGHT TO YOUR DOOR  
DELIVERYBUY ONLINE AND GET  
FREE CURBSIDE PICKUP

## BBQ HEADQUARTERS

# GET A NEW SUMMER BARBECUE



Monday-Friday: 7:30-7 • Weekends: 8-6

We have Weber,  
Traeger & Green Egg  
**FREE DELIVERY  
& ASSEMBLY\***

\* Barbecues \$399 and over. Delivery in our marketing area only.

2725 Central Ave. • McKinleyville • [mckinleyvilleace.com](http://mckinleyvilleace.com)

## COVID-19 losses hit \$44 million for business, loss of 2,400 jobs as county costs top \$4.3 million

### COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

HUMBOLDT — On Feb. 20, less than one month after California reported its first case of COVID-19, an individual tested positive for the virus in Humboldt County. The positive case was the ninth in the state and first for any rural county in the country. Since that time, county staff and other local agencies have teamed up to protect and serve the people of Humboldt in ways that have served as a model for other counties around the region and state.

The county is responsible for costs to respond to COVID-19 in both unincorporated areas and cities. Those expenses exceed \$4.3 million, which includes costs of more than 200 staff who have been assigned to Public Health and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich said, "The Sheriff and I, as well as Public Health Director Michele Stephens, have directed this response, and we have asked staff to get the job done and done quickly. They have stepped up to the plate and worked tirelessly to make that happen. I continue to be enormously impressed by and deeply appreciative of their dedication to this effort and to their community and their massive accomplishments to date."

As a result of these efforts, Humboldt's rate of case growth has remained well below state and national averages, and certain sectors of the economy have been cleared to reopen where in other parts of the state they have not. Humboldt was the first California county to establish a state-run testing site, and more than 13,000 tests have been administered. Joint Information Center (JIC) employees at the EOC have diverted more than 11,000 non-emergency calls from 9-1-1 and other dispatch systems to protect the emergency response infrastructure while providing timely information to a worried public and to help them navigate changing rules and regulations related to the virus.

"This is a pandemic with a novel virus. We are literally learning about this virus at the same time we are building a response to it," Dr. Frankovich said. "In Humboldt County, this virus landed on our doorstep in February. We are a small county with a small health department and laboratory, but we gathered every resource we could muster to build the infrastructure needed to protect the lives of our friends and neighbors."

"Because of how quickly and massively things had unfolded in Wuhan China, we had no idea as a county, state or country, how quickly this would spread here and what it would look like in a country with our resources. We built infrastructure as if the lives of our families and friends depended upon it, because we believe that they do," Dr. Frankovich said.

The COVID-19 emergency has required staff with specialized skill sets and extensive experience to work extraordinary numbers of hours to stand up an Alternate Care Site, bring critical testing resources to the county and train disaster service workers in contact tracing. The JIC has helped to keep the community informed about the ever-changing situation and assisted thousands of businesses, places of worship and day care centers reopen in ways that minimize risk for both employees and customers. More than 900 businesses and 3,700 plus workers have received direct support, with more than \$159.8 million provided in low-interest loans and locally leveraged financial resources. Additionally, more than 115 homeless residents have been housed in three local hotels for almost 5,000 nights.

Humboldt County Sheriff William Honsal said that Stage One was a critical time for staff assigned to this emergency response. "The initial Shelter-in-Place was instituted to give county leaders and hospitals time to prepare for the impacts of COVID-19 on our community," Sheriff Honsal said. "Staff worked long hours to serve our community, and when I see the costs of this emergency, I see the hard work every member of this response has given to the people of Humboldt County."

Despite these positive developments, the virus has claimed four lives in Humboldt County, and the personal, emotional and social toll it has taken on individuals and families is incalculable. Social networks have been fractured, affecting the mental health of children, young adults, parents and seniors in ways that will likely have impacts well into the future. The local response to the global pandemic has come with significant costs to both the private and public sectors.

From March 20 to June 23, roughly 800 of Humboldt County's more than 7,000 businesses self-reported upward of \$44 million in revenue losses. Nearly

Emergency Operations Center	
Salaries & Benefits*	3,490,544
Contracts	22,650
Equipment	9,917
Supplies	73,433
Other	3,669
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,600,213</b>
Medical Surge & Testing	
Contracts	42,180
Equipment	118,786
Supplies	59,908
<b>Total</b>	<b>220,874</b>
Homeless Sheltering	
Contracts	426,228
Equipment	54,240
Supplies	56,088
<b>Total</b>	<b>536,556</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,357,643</b>

2,400 jobs have been lost permanently and are not expected to come back. The County of Humboldt's costs alone related to responding to the pandemic are approximately \$4,357,000 from February to the end of June, with county staff working more than 70,000 hours, not including substantial and ongoing support from partner agencies. These numbers represent only the costs from staff at the Emergency Operations Center who were assigned to support this communitywide response from different county and municipal agencies and often worked 12 or more hours a day, 6 days a week to meet the needs of the community.

With a goal of preserving local funds for specific local needs, county staff have maximized the use of state and federal funding sources wherever possible. The Finance Section of the EOC has successfully applied for additional grant funds that have become available to support response efforts. To date, more than \$1.8 million has been received and applied primarily to purchase additional equipment for the Public Health Laboratory to increase COVID-19 testing capacity and support communicable disease control efforts. The State of California also has allocated more than \$13 million to Humboldt County via the federal CARES Act to offset the costs of the response.

The county has also utilized resources that were obtained through prior funding from the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program. For example, staff have successfully stored and preserved state caches of emergency equipment for more than 10 years since the H1N1 outbreak, which have been distributed to health care facilities, first responders and the Alternate Care Site for this incident. The county also took advantage of all available state resources to minimize local costs. And in spite of the unique nature of this emergency, members of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and other volunteers have been active throughout.

The EOC is maintaining detailed documentation of response activities performed by staff to account for expenses and ensure maximum reimbursement for the county and all agencies working on the COVID-19 response. The Finance Section has maintained records in accordance with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) guidelines for reporting and eventual reimbursement of emergency costs.

Below are detailed preliminary costs that are being tracked for potential reimbursement:

Emergency Operations Center: Salaries & Benefits cost \$3,490,544; Contracts \$22,650; Equipment \$9,917; Supplies \$73,433; Other \$3,669; Total \$3,600,213. Medical Surge & Testing: Contracts \$42,180; Equipment \$118,786; Supplies \$59,908; Total \$220,874. Homeless Sheltering: Contracts \$426,228; Equipment \$54,240; Supplies \$56,088; Total \$536,556. Overall Total: \$4,357,643.

\*Salaries & Benefits are based on hours reported by staff for COVID-19 EOC time.

All of this work comes at substantial costs that are rightfully a topic of concern to both county leadership and the residents of Humboldt County. In the interests of transparency, please see below a link to a document showing all the county staff, including law enforcement personnel, who have worked this incident, their normal positions, their EOC assignments, the number of their regular hours worked, their total regular salary and their total amount of overtime worked and paid. Salary and overtime costs for all classes of employees, including Management and Confidential, are based on longstanding, negotiated agreements with county labor groups.

While the response to the global COVID-19 pandemic continues, EOC and Public Health staff remain committed to the health and safety of the residents of Humboldt County.

Visit [humboldtgov.org/DocumentCenter/View/87874/JUL17-EOC-COVID-Costs](http://humboldtgov.org/DocumentCenter/View/87874/JUL17-EOC-COVID-Costs) to download the document.

## Council | Redefining Arcata Police Dept.

### FROM PAGE 1

The second area of reform is redefinition of policing in Arcata, with possible inclusion of social services and non-sworn office positions for matters that might be handled without involvement by armed, uniformed officers.

Lastly, in conjunction with the Public Safety Committee (which meets this week, *see page 2*) the department is to develop a strategic plan framework for implementing civilian police review.

The Public Safety Committee might be charged with acting as a "hub" for information collection, analysis and recommendations for other tasks, as listed in a staff report:

- Reviewing and providing the City Council feedback on APD's body worn camera and use of force policies;
- Review Campaign Zero and advise the City Council on recommendations for implementation;

• Use community surveys to gauge satisfaction levels with public safety service delivery;

• Develop strategies to gather community sentiment, especially for those who don't feel comfortable going to the police;

• Determine how to re-invest dollars in the APD budget to include partnerships, social services, juvenile diversion and other programs;

• Develop a plan to re-direct funds or increase funds to have social worker component (police/service personnel) available in Arcata;

• Examine civilian oversight models and make recommendations to the City Council;

• Determine if the PSC can serve as the community hub; a conduit for community participation.

Ahearn said APD continues to pursue the National Police Foundation reforms, including development of internship programs with HSU and the College of the Redwoods.

A draft final plan was submitted to HSU on June 28 and contains four job descriptions to include:

• Gauging community sentiment of APD performance through the use of a survey instrument;

• Curriculum development and presentation by students to APD employees on their expectations of the Police Department;

• Develop a house party response protocol; and

• An opportunity to work alongside employees in various Police Department units to get insight on what those units are tasked with on a daily basis.

Other completed tasks directed by the City Council is the implementation of an online complaint process so that community members may submit a complaint or suggestions to the APD in a manner that may feel safer for some who would rather not file their complaint at the APD station.

A staff report states that the department has made "significant progress" on writing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for day-to-day operational tasks Patrol Oper-

ations, Investigations and Dispatch. This process enhances training, transparency and accountability. Each SOP will also be posted on the department's website so that community members can have access to specific directions provided to APD staff.

Lastly, after looking at other police departments in California who included on their websites their response to the call for police reforms, City of Arcata Communications Specialist Cati Gallardo wrote a detailed Community Policing summary that describes what the City has and is working on in terms of response to several areas of community concern including racial equity and bias training, body worn cameras, use of force, de-escalation training, behavioral health training and community engagement. This summary has been posted to the APD's web page and is available for any community member to read and provide feedback on.

Councilmember Paul Pitino wanted to make sure that civilian police review is moving forward, and Ahearn reiterated that it is being pursued as part of the re-imaging of the department.

Pitino said he appreciates the Public Safety Committee acting to expand the council's view of police reform "so we aren't stuck in our own little viewfinder."

Councilmember Sofia Pereira also lauded the committee's involvement. She wondered whether remote internships would be possible. Ahearn said yes, and that the department is looking at different "delivery platforms" for internship activity. He said several positions could be fulfilled via remote access.

"We're changing as a society and we're relying so much more now on technology to get work done," Ahearn said. "This is such an exciting moment for us as an organization... I think it's definitely doable. We're excited about this opportunity to really open up Arcata PD to the students and campus communities both at CR and HSU."

Winkler also liked the committee's involvement, and clarified that reductions in APD's budget were because of reduced tax revenue from the COVID-19 pandemic. He said he appreciated APD being able to implement the improvements under the challenging budgetary circumstances.

Public comment on police reform included support for APD's direction, but urged that it go further with creation of community response groups and diversion of resources into root causes of crime, including housing and social services.

One commenter called the response "lackluster" and self-congratulatory, and said the reforms barely "scratch the surface" of a culture steeped in white supremacy and systemic injustice.

Another commenter called for the local NAACP and Black Humboldt to conduct oversight, but others called for "abolition rather than reform," and public hearings to get that started. One was skeptical of the widely discussed "8 Can't Wait" program of police reforms.

Councilmember Brett Watson said he backs looking into alternative forms of response.

## COVID | Bohn tries to stall enforcement

### FROM PAGE 1

are "not an easy thing to try and enforce," Frankovich said, adding that recent cases have stemmed from "relatively small gatherings."

Moving things outdoors will help because "indoor spaces are higher risk than outdoor because of ventilation," she continued.

Sheriff Billy Honsal said the county's Joint Information Center (JIC) will advise restaurants and other businesses on how to apply for encroachment permits allowing use of sidewalk and street space.

Responding to Supervisor Rex Bohn's question on whether the governor has the authority to declare the new order, Honsal said Newsom is relaying an order of the state's health officer and it is a law that must be followed.

Naming July 17 as the date when enforcement begins, Honsal said the JIC is working with the county's Code Enforcement Unit to develop a "compliance protocol" for businesses operating in violation of state and county rules.

"It'll be a code enforcement-type action with notice provided — corrective notice, 'Correct your violation or you could be subject to a fine,'" said Honsal.

Bohn asked for more time before starting enforcement, saying July 17 is "a little extreme" and he described an atmosphere of desperation.

"There's a lot of anger and frustration but I don't think either one of those equate to the fear factor that's out there from these small businesses that don't think they're gonna make it," he said.

The day before, he had gotten multiple

phone calls and "I didn't hear anger and frustration yesterday, I heard fear for their livelihoods, the idea that they're not gonna be able to afford the basic necessities for their children."

Bohn added that affected businesses don't have time to wait for relief funding.

County Administrative Officer Amy Nilsen said the arrival of CARES Act funding to the county is "in progress" and the timing of its grants and rental assistance for businesses will be outlined at the July 28 board meeting.

The county's economic development director has said that Humboldt's anticipated share of CARES Act funding is about \$13 million.

In a public comment session during the videoconferenced meeting, a caller upheld the need to guard against a surge of COVID-19.

"Rex Bohn, you scare me," she said. "You need to protect us as well and I understand you care about people that are having challenges with their businesses but you've got to refer them to the CARES Act, we've got to protect ourselves and believe in this public danger."

Bohn's call for further stalling enforcement wasn't taken up. Public Health Director Michele Stephens said state funding could be held back from the county if it "does anything that contradicts the governor's and state health officer's order."

At the time of the board meeting, the county's total number of confirmed cases was 165.

By the end of the week, the count was 181. There have been 16 hospitalizations and four deaths.

# OPINION

## Invest in Arcata Fire or your insurance co.

Did you know we could reduce or maintain our homeowners and/or business insurance premiums by investing in our local fire department and community? California uses the Insurance Services Office (ISO) system to analyze and process data for the property and casualty insurance industry. Most insurance companies use ISO data and different algorithms to determine risk so they can set insurance premiums for each property they insure. Fire departments and communities are evaluated every five years to identify what level of fire protection they can provide. The ISO system rates fire department and communities on a scale of one to ten. L.A. City Fire Department has an ISO rating of one. Communities with no fire protection system or services have a rating of ten. The more well equipped your fire department is to put out a fire, the less likely your house or business is to burn down. This makes the property less risky and less expensive to insure.

Insurance companies use formulas to determine their insurance rates. The formulas are complex and always changing. For example, following the 2018 wildland fire season in California, the formulas changed significantly due to the extreme loss of property and life in our state. To keep things simple, the lower the fire departments rating/score, the lower the premiums.

## LETTERS

If communities invest in their fire department and the water supply system in their community, they can have a positive impact on the fire departments ability to extinguish fires. Insurance companies understand that the capability of a fire department directly affects the risk they have when insuring property. If the community wants lower insurance premiums then they must invest in their fire department to ensure it is properly staffed, trained, and equipped.

Following the recent failure of Measure R on the March 2020 ballot, the Arcata Fire District has reduced staffing by one-third and is rotating station closures. If this continues, the District's ISO rating/score will worsen and insurance premiums will likely increase for residents and business owners. The only way to maintain the District's current rating and is to re-open all three fire stations and return District staffing to what it was.

The communities of McKinleyville, Arcata, Bayside, Jacoby Creek, and Manila can invest in their fire department and infrastructure, providing input on how their taxes are spent locally, or they can pay what their insurance company charges them without control of what the premiums are. Investing in your fire department allows you to have a say how your money is used and puts your fire department in a position to be successful.

For more information about how the ISO Rating System works, please contact Arcata Fire District, (707) 825-2000.

Best,  
Sean Campbell  
McKinleyville

## Low cost, high value

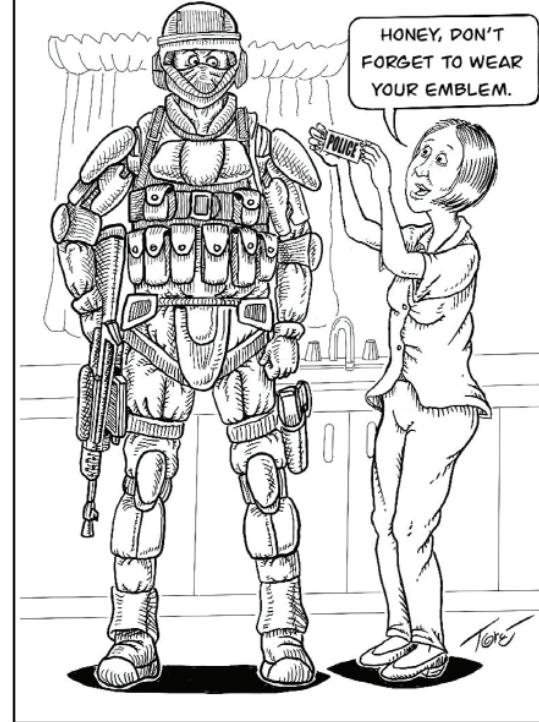
I am advocating for the new Fire District Measure in the upcoming November election.

The Arcata Fire District is one of the largest fire districts in California. The facts are, it covers McKinleyville, Bayside, 2.75 miles of Jacoby Creek Road, Old Arcata Road to Indianola Rd including the Humboldt Area Foundation buildings and property, five miles out West End Road, out to Glendale Avenue off of 299, 4.5 miles up Fickle Hill Road, Manila and Arcata. The AFD serves close to 37,000 people, and includes Mad River Hospital, Humboldt State University, the county airport and numerous schools.

Currently, because Measure R did not pass in March (it only lost by 3 percent of the necessary votes), it only has 15 career firefighters, one Battalion Chief (supervisor), the Chief and one clerical staff to cover this entire area. They serve 24/7, 365 days per year. A full staff is normally 21 fire fighters and four Chief officers. You can see the problem!

The AFD is our fire district. The services last year (2019) were: Rescue and EMS calls 46 percent, Service calls (a non emergency "service" like lift assist off of the floor) 25 percent, Good Intent calls 15 percent, False alarms 6 percent, hazards 3 percent and fires 5 percent. Although fire calls seem a low percentage, if it is your house or business that is burning, it comes to the

**TorgToon**  
by Terry Torgerson



❖ Sign your letter to the *Mad River Union* with a real name and a city of origin, plus a phone number (which won't be published) for identity verification and send it to [opinion@madriverunion.com](mailto:opinion@madriverunion.com).

**Finigan's Take**  
by Terry Finigan



## News Item: Trump mounts paramilitary invasion of Portland, Ore.

(As viewed by the Union's two-Terry cartoon team)

frontline of your life.

Did you know that legally firefighters cannot go in to a burning structure if only one truck is there? They have to wait for another truck to arrive. With little or no close backup, this can be a long time which means much burning and no rescuing. It's the law. A heartbreaking situation to all involved, but nevertheless the law.

We need our fire district to be fully staffed in order to get full service. We need all three stations in our district to be staffed 24/7. Currently we can only afford to rotate and have two open at a time. The placement of the three stations was not random. They were strategically placed to be able to access the citizens of the fire district in a timely manner.

How long are you willing to let your house or business burn, or wait for an EMS person to arrive to save a loved one? Is 10 to 15 minutes too long? Probably.

Please join me in voting YES to get the Arcata Fire District back to where it needs to be to serve you. It's your fire district. It's my fire district. 56 cents per day (\$17 per month) for a single residence seems so small when the stakes are so high.

**Elena David**  
Arcata

## How we got here

I truly believe everyone supports the fire service and hold what they do in high regard. I also totally believe the people in the fire service do this because they care and want to be of service to the community they live in and serve.

In 2019, the Arcata Fire District, which includes all of McKinleyville, Arcata, Manila, Bayside and Jacoby Creek, responded to 3,860 calls for help or assistance. They responded to structure fires, smoke checks, car accidents, rescues, heart attacks, lift assists and the smell of gas as quickly as possible.

Since the closure of the third station, the District's response times have increased by 17 percent. Additionally, with only two stations handling calls, 35 percent of the time both crews are simultaneously on emergency runs. Now more than ever the District relies on its neighbors, Blue Lake, Fieldbrook, Samoa, and Humboldt Bay to assist with any major incident.

Arcata Fire is a Special District. This means they are a standalone public entity. Their sole purpose is fire and rescue response to the 62 square mile district. Arcata Fire receive no funds from sales taxes like a city or the county. Arcata Fire District receives no funding from the city of Arcata.

The county Board of Supervisors or city councils has no control over or access to the Arcata Fire District funds which can only be used to service the Fire District. Funding for your Fire District is from a 1996 Special Tax and a 2006 Benefit Assessment. After 2006 this level of revenue allowed your Fire District to staff both the McKinleyville Station and the Mad River Station with two full time firefighters.

The Arcata Fire station, owned by the Arcata Volunteer Firefighters' Association, was a volunteer only response until 2012. Before 2012 your fire district averaged around 2,400 calls per year. As the volunteer firefighter recruitment became difficult, the District received federal grants to fund staffing of the Arcata station with two full time firefighters.

The District tried in 2015 to pass Measure A to address operating costs of three stations, which failed. The District continued operating three stations through grants, then used capital improvement and contingency fund reserves to maintain staffing levels after the grants expired.

With the depletion of reserve funds, the District had to again request a funding increase for the 2020 budget year to maintain three stations, Measure R. However, Measure R failed in March of 2020. The District is back to funding levels and staffing at pre-2012 level with minimal augmented staffing from volunteers, but with the 2019 levels of calls to respond to.

**Roy Willis**  
Bayside

## Thanks and appreciation

I want to respond to too many significant July 1 *Union* articles for the space and time I have, but here goes.

First, a big thank you to Greg Orsini for his 30 years of service to McKinleyville's infrastructure and community well-being. We have benefited greatly from his strength, knowledge and even-handed management of MCSD.

Thank you to Sean Campbell for his 30 years of service and convincing explanation of the need to pass the upcoming funding measure for the Arcata Fire District.

Thanks to Jack Durham and Daniel Mintz for their consistently relevant and reliable reporting.

And thanks to Dr Frankovich, Sheriff Honsal, Kelley Garrett, Centro DelPueblo, Garth Sundberg, Steve Madrone and our Board of Supervisors for their dedication to our health, safety, quality of life, and equity.

How to accurately understand and balance the complex diversity of needs in a community is always a challenge. Personal, public, cultural, national, racial, human, animal and environmental welfare and rights seem destined to clash, and I appreciate those who are willing to struggle for the difficult answers.

I hope we can help each other avoid getting locked into our positions and sidetracked in blame, and stay focused on finding creative solutions in these unusually critical times.

**Joyce King**  
McKinleyville

## Vote by mail

It's official! All registered voters in the State of California will receive a ballot in the mail for the Nov. 3 election, even if they didn't check the VOTE-BY-MAIL box on their Voter Registration Application.

To be ready to vote make sure your mailing address is correct, and it may be different from your home address. Your home address determines what precinct you vote in and what local candidates you vote for.

Besides a change of address, you may have changed your name, citizenship status, or become of voting age since the last election, if so, you need to re-register or register to vote. If you are 17 years old but will turn 18 years old on or before election day Nov. 3, you can register and vote.

The Humboldt County Registrar at 2426 Sixth St. Eureka is following Covid-19 rules with a limited number of visitors at one time. They would be happy to answer your questions at (707) 445-7481. If you request it, a Voter Registration Application will be

mailed to you. The red box you sign on the Voter Registration Application is an affidavit. This is your legal signature. Be sure to sign your ballot exactly like you did on your Voter Registration Application.

ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION: [registertovote.ca.gov](http://registertovote.ca.gov), [voterstatus.sos.ca.gov](http://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov), [sos.ca.gov/elections/castudentsvote](http://sos.ca.gov/elections/castudentsvote)

Ballots are mailed to voters in early October. If you plan to vote, act now!

**Christine Will**  
Hydesville

## Lewis was a giant

John Lewis was a giant of the civil rights movement. Despite his diminutive stature, he stood taller than any other figure of this century.

Towering over white supremacists and over the minority of protesters both locally and nationally who resorted to violence during recent protests, his moral leadership and demonstration of the effectiveness of peaceful protest show the flaccidity of both the clowns in white sheets and those with spray paint cans and hammers.

Sincerely,  
**John Dillon**  
Eureka

## Bohn's priorities

Supervisor Rex Bohn, who has long supported our youth baseball league, spoke at the last Board of Supervisors meeting to growing economic fear in the small business community due to the impacts of COVID-19.

On July 15 we had eight new cases in one day. This points to a troubling trend. At the end of February, all the United States had ONLY 15 cases (and Trump assured us, "that would soon be close to zero"). We now have 3.5 million.

Dr. Teresa Frankovich, the county's health officer, said that the "drivers of travel-acquired infections in our community have been our own residents, leaving and coming back to the area." (*Mad River Union*, July 12: Health officer says social mingling "not safe").

As last reported, Humboldt Eagles and the Northern Humboldt Giants of our local youth baseball league have said they will continue their schedule of away games, outside of the county. In fact the entire Eagles team just returned from a four day tournament in Reno, Nev.

It would seem that if Supervisor Bohn is concerned about the economic impact of COVID-19, he would do all he can to convince youth baseball that whether or not they follow guidelines which call for the suspension all group sports in the county, they should absolutely suspend away games for the balance of the season.

Please contact Rex at (707) 476-2391 or: [rbohn@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:rbohn@co.humboldt.ca.us) and ask him to use his influence.

Speaking of balls, this caution was recently reported on the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) website, headlined: Rising Concern on Damaged Testis of COVID-19 Patients.

To suspend the practice of sending bus-loads of kids out of the county for multi-day tournaments seems a reasonable sacrifice on the part of the teams to save both lives and livelihoods (and possibly their own manhood).

**Richard Salzman**  
Arcata

# SCENE



**COMMUNITY HALL** Top, Bayside Community Hall's new kitchen is being used by local aid groups for COVID relief, and to prepare Brunch in Bayside. Above, BraeMar, Marla Joy on flute and Braeden Lewis on guitar, will play a mix of jazz, Celtic and classic songs, outside, during Brunch in Bayside meal pick-up on July 26.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

## Brunch in Bayside

Bayside Community Hall will offer a fresh-cooked Brunch To-Go on Sunday, July 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



**BAYSIDE CORNERS**  
Carolyn Jones

The made-from scratch menu offers a choice of vegetable-cheese frittata or sun-dried tomato tofu cup, accompanied by sides of home-style potatoes, beans and greens, mixed fruit salad and a fresh-baked muffin.

The meal is vegetarian, with vegan and gluten free options, and costs \$10. Order online through Thursday July 23 to reserve your meals. You will be asked to choose a time slot during which your meals will be ready for pick up in the hall parking lot.

Masks and social distancing will be required! Musical duo Braemar (Marla Joy on flute, Braeden Lewis on guitar) will play a mix of jazz, Celtic and classics outside during the pick-up hours.

This brunch takes the place of the Hall's usual quarterly community pancake breakfast, just one of the many types of events that are on indefinite hold across our community due to the COVID-crisis.

This is especially sad for Bayside Community Hall, which completed a full remodel of its large community kitchen in early March. Their April pancake breakfast was to be the grand unveiling of the new kitchen to the community, but that was, of course, cancelled, along with more than a dozen other scheduled events.

But the kitchen is not sitting unused. The Hall Board voted to make it available at no charge to several local groups providing aid to those in need.

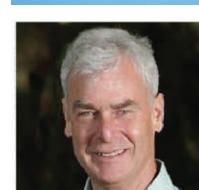
Since April, thousands of meals have been prepared in the kitchen, and the dining area has been used as a storage depot from which community members can request needed supplies which are picked up and delivered to them. All of this work is done by community volunteers.

All proceeds from the upcoming brunch will support the Hall's participation in this community relief work. Have a yummy meal, help the Hall, and help your community!

For more information and to place your brunch order, go to [baysidecommunityhall.org](http://baysidecommunityhall.org). If you have questions or need help ordering, email [baysidecommunityhall@gmail.com](mailto:baysidecommunityhall@gmail.com) or call (707) 599-3192.

## SUBSCRIBE!

Send a check for \$40 along with your name and mailing address to 791 Eighth St. No. 8, Arcata, CA 95521 and you'll get the Mad River Union in your mailbox every Wednesday! You can also subscribe at [madriverunion.com](http://madriverunion.com).



**HUMBOLDT MORTGAGE**

Humboldt Mortgage Company • 2037 Harrison Ave. Eureka, CA 95501 • Robert Lawton, Owner/Broker • CalBRE #01144618 • NMLS: #323296 • bob@humboldtmortgage.net

**REFINANCE NOW**  
Rates are LOW!

**RESIDENTIAL INVESTMENT COMMERCIAL**  
(707) 445-3027  
[HUMBOLDTMORTGAGE.NET](http://HUMBOLDTMORTGAGE.NET)

CalBRE: #01144618  
NMLS: #323296

Where  
you'll  
feel at  
home  
away  
from  
home



**MCKINLEYVILLE SENIOR CENTER**  
Patti Stammer

too far from the path.

In addition to the virus, we have an epidemic of stupid and of careless behavior. I'm humbled to say I'm part of what I've feared more than COVID.

The phone call from HCDH terrified me back to paying attention. Airing my own stupid behavior in public in not something I relish, but a little embarrassment is worth it if it helps those I love and have missed seeing during these long months. Please remember that the danger is still here in our community and it is real, frightening and too close for comfort. Be careful out there...

Thanks Jack and Kevin for keeping the *Mad River Union* paper in our hands and Ted Pease for the *Senior News*, out this week.

We are all in this together sharing our stories. Please text me at (707) 845-2817 if you have a story of your own to share. Or join our Senior Stories Zoom group. Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. Text me for a link.



**ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE**  
OF MAD RIVER

Now Accepting Participants

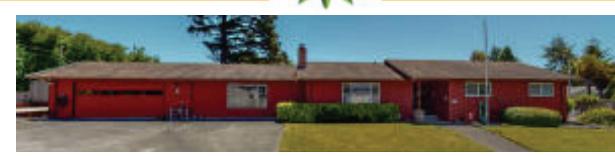
- Socialization & Companionship
- Nursing Care
- Recreational Activities
- Nutritious Hot Meals
- Physical & Occupational Therapy
- Transportation to & from center

Call for more information **707-822-4866**

3800 Janes Rd, Arcata • [www.adhcmadriver.org](http://www.adhcmadriver.org)

Grace Park

**AZALEA REALTY**



So Much Space INSIDE AND OUTSIDE with this RANCH STYLE HOME in this Family Sized-Quiet Area of Grace Park. If you need a larger home with options preview this home. From possibly designing a studio at one end to updating this home to suit your needs or even room for extended family here is the perfect place to start. Plenty of Room for King Size Bed in Master Suite, Grand Piano and more! Add the RV Parking and the detached Shed with a BEAUTIFUL YARD with South Facing SUN EXPOSURE for those Sunny Humboldt Days! \$420,000

[azalearealty.com](http://azalearealty.com) • Call 707.362.0144

## LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
20-00351  
The following person(s) is (are)  
doing business as:  
THE NORTHERN GRAIN

2371 SUTTER RD.  
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
MADISON R. ACRES  
2371 SUTTER RD.  
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

THIS BUSINESS IS  
CONDUCTED BY:  
an INDIVIDUAL  
S/MADISON ACRES  
OWNER  
This statement was filed with the

Humboldt County Clerk on  
JULY 13, 2020  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
SC DEPUTY CLERK  
7/22, 7/29, 8/5, 8/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
20-00350  
The following person(s) is (are)  
doing business as:  
CENTRAL STATION

1631 CENTRAL AVE.  
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
MARY E. ACRES  
2371 SUTTER RD.  
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

THIS BUSINESS IS  
CONDUCTED BY:  
an INDIVIDUAL  
S/MARY ACRES  
OWNER  
This statement was filed with the

Humboldt County Clerk on  
JULY 13, 2020  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
SC DEPUTY CLERK  
7/22, 7/29, 8/5, 8/12

FICTION BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
20-00342

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

HIGHGRADE DISTRIBUTION  
2210 MCKINLEYVILLE AVE.  
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519  
1551 NURSERY WAY STE. A  
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
FUGATE FALLS INCH  
CA 3969356

1551 NURSERY WAY STE. A  
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

THIS BUSINESS IS

CONDUCTED BY:

a CORPORATION

S/TIM BUSMAN

CEO

This statement was filed with the

Humboldt County Clerk on

JULY 9, 2020

KELLY E. SANDERS

SC DEPUTY CLERK

7/22, 7/29, 8/5, 8/12

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JULY 9, 2020

KELLY E. SANDERS

SC DEPUTY CLERK

7/22, 7/29, 8/5, 8/12

ABANDONMENT OF  
FICTION BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
R-1500581

HUMBOLDT 2016

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

HUMBOLDT PRODUCE

1894 PARK ST.

MANILA, CA 95521

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

DEVIN G. HOLCOMB

1894 PARK ST.

MANILA, CA 95521

THIS BUSINESS IS

CONDUCTED BY:

AN INDIVIDUAL

S/DEVIN G. HOLCOMB

NO TITLE

This statement was filed with the

Humboldt County Clerk on

JUNE 23, 2020

KELLY E. SANDERS

SC DEPUTY CLERK

7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
20-00345

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

TAPROOT HUMBOLDT

350 E STREET, SUITE 408

EUREKA, CA 95501

P.O. BOX 334

BAYSIDE, CA 95524

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

SUGARLEAF HOLDINGS,

LLC

CA201715910288

67 METROPOLITAN HEIGHTS

ROAD

FORTUNA, CA 95540

ARCATA, CA 95521

THIS BUSINESS IS

CONDUCTED BY:

a LIMITED LIABILITY COM-

PANY

S/JSSESS E O FIEDLER

MANAGING MEMBER

This statement was filed with the

Humboldt County Clerk on

JULY 10, 2020

KELLY E. SANDERS

SC DEPUTY CLERK

7/22, 7/29, 8/5, 8/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
20-00306

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

NAILED IT!

1225 CENTRAL AVE. SUITE 5

MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

RACHEL R. WALLACE

3498 ZELIA CT.

ARCATA, CA 95521

DEBORAH M. BURR

1933 COTTONWOOD

MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

THIS BUSINESS IS

CONDUCTED BY:

a GENERAL PARTNERSHIP

S/RACHEL R. WALLACE/

DEBORAH BURR

CO OWNER

This statement was filed with the

Humboldt County Clerk on

JUNE 23, 2020

KELLY E. SANDERS

SC DEPUTY CLERK

7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
20-00327

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

MING TREE REALTY OF

MCKINLEYVILLE

MING TREE REALTY

1629 CENTRAL AVE.

MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

SYLVIA L. GARLICK

500 ORCHARD LANE

MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

MICHAEL A. NOVAK

1210 SCHOOL ROAD

MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

THIS BUSINESS IS

CONDUCTED BY:

a GENERAL PARTNERSHIP

S/MICHAEL A. NOVAK

BROKER/OWNER/MANAGER

This statement was filed with the

Humboldt County Clerk on

JULY 2, 2020

KELLY E. SANDERS

SC DEPUTY CLERK

7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
20-00285

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

HUMBOLDT HEALS

2100 RIVER ACCESS RD.

WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573

P.O. BOX 1174

BLUE LAKE, CA 95525

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

HUMBOLDT HEALS

CA 385719

1810 RIVER ACCESS ROAD

WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573

THIS BUSINESS IS

CONDUCTED BY:

a CORPORATION

S/TIM BUSMAN

CEO

This statement was filed with the

Humboldt County Clerk

JUNE 16, 2020  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
SC DEPUTY CLERK  
7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
20-00284

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

TODAY'S HUMBOLDT  
CITY COUNTY

5065 BOYD RD. UNIT F

ARCATA, CA 95521

P.O. BOX 1174

BLUE LAKE, CA 95525

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

TODAY'S HUMBOLDT  
CITY LLC

CA 201606810523

15065 BOYD RD. UNIT F

ARCATA, CA 95521

THIS BUSINESS IS

CONDUCTED BY:

A LIMITED LIABILITY COM-

PANY

S/TIM BUSMAN

MANAGING MEMBER

This statement was filed with the

Humboldt County Clerk on

JUNE 16, 2020

KELLY E. SANDERS

SC DEPUTY CLERK

7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
20-00275

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

BEAR EXTRACTION HOUSE

5550 WEST END RD. STE 11

ARCATA, CA 95521

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

JAPOW, LLC

CA 202004310499

5550 WEST END RD. STE 11

ARCATA, CA 95521

THIS BUSINESS IS

CONDUCTED BY:

A LIMITED LIABILITY COM-

PANY

S/STACIA ELIASON

PRESIDENT

This statement was filed with the

Humboldt County Clerk on

JUNE 16, 2020

KELLY E. SANDERS

# SUBSCRIBE!

Send a check for \$40 along with your name and mailing address to 791 Eighth St. No. 8, Arcata, CA 95521 and you'll get the Mad River Union in your mailbox every Wednesday! You can also subscribe at [madriverunion.com](http://madriverunion.com).

## Make a Difference IN YOUR COMMUNITY

California MENTOR  
Family Home Agency

Call Sharon at (707) 442-4500

California MENTOR is seeking families with an available bedroom in their home to share with an adult with special needs. Receive ongoing support and a generous, monthly payment.

[MentorsWanted.com](http://MentorsWanted.com)

# Cafe Brio

ON THE ARCATA PLAZA  
SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK ORGANIC

Thank you for all of the support!  
Online orders Monday through Saturday 9-3  
Find us at [www.cafebrioarcata.com](http://www.cafebrioarcata.com)



Subscribe online at [madriverunion.com](http://madriverunion.com)

12

MAD RIVER UNION

JULY 22, 2020

## Volunteers work Humboldt Bay Trail North Saturday

### VOLUNTEER TRAIL STEWARDS

ARCATA – The next Arcata Volunteer Trail Stewards work day is scheduled for Saturday, July 25, on the Humboldt Bay Trail North from Two Rocks (the current southern end of the trail) through the Marsh to Samoa Boulevard.

Volunteers will pick up trash and cutting back the prolific fennel and blackberries.

Another team will be weed whacking south from the City Maintenance Yard.

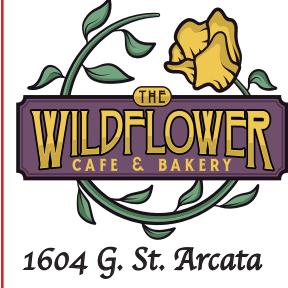
All work will use the COVID-19 protocol. All interested volunteers must RSVP to me for one of the two 10-person crews.

One crew will start at 9 a.m. and a second will start at 9:30 a.m.; both will conclude at about noon.

VTS will provide hand sanitizer, packaged snacks, and tools. Please bring your own water, gloves and face mask.

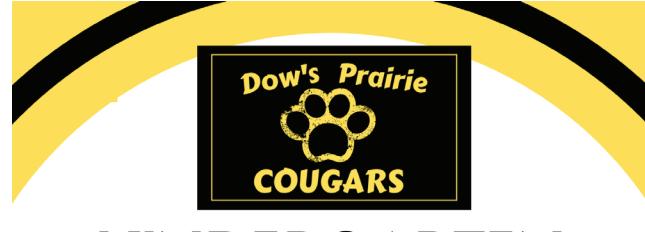
Participants will maintain social distance throughout the morning.

**707.822.0360**



## WE ARE OPEN FOR PICK UP!

Open Thurs/Mon  
9 am to 3 pm  
Closed Tues/Wed  
Feed yourself well.



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2020-21

Distance Learning available,  
Spanish Immersion and STEAM-focus available,  
In Person Learning being planned with  
guidance from county and state officials

REGISTRATION PACKETS AVAILABLE:  
• FOR DOWNLOAD FROM OUR WEBSITE  
• CALL TO REQUEST BY MAIL  
• OR AT OUR DISTRICT OFFICE (SUMMER, M-TH, 9-3 PM)

Dow's Website:  
<https://www.mckusd.org/dows/>  
District Office:  
707.839.1549  
2275 Central Avenue



MAP VIA VOLUNTEER TRAIL STEWARDS

This approach has worked well for the June work day and the other locations that have started up again.

If you drive, please park in the large South G street lot near the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center and make the short walk to the staging area (near the entrance to the Arcata City Maintenance Yard/Sewage Treatment facility).

Allow a little extra time to make this walk. See the map below.

If you need more clarification, contact Rees Hughes at [rees.hughes@humboldt.edu](mailto:rees.hughes@humboldt.edu).

**OPEN FOR TAKE OUT  
NOON TO 6 P.M.  
TUESDAY TO SATURDAY**

Steps from HSU Campus  
1535 G Street  
Arcata  
826-1379



FRESH COFFEE TO YOUR DOOR.

Call or email to order:  
(707) 825-9417  
[sales@kinetic-koffee.com](mailto:sales@kinetic-koffee.com)

Deliveries:  
M | T | TH | F

Order by noon for next day delivery in Eureka, Arcata, Mck & Blue Lake on 5 lb bags or purchases over \$40.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>What's in a Rainbow:</b> 12 Packs: 7 at \$300, 5 at \$500; 2 Early Birds and 2 Special Packs	<b>What's in a Super Rainbow:</b> 24 Packs: 9 at \$500, 8 at \$400, 7 at \$300; 3 Early Birds and 3 Special Packs	<b>In The Monitor</b> Double Pack \$10 Extra Packs \$3 Electronic 5 Pack \$20 Rainbow \$31 Super Rainbow \$56 12 Games at \$300/\$400/\$500	<b>FREE \$1,000 Packs</b> Double Pack \$10 Extra Packs \$5 Electronic 5 Pack \$25 Rainbow \$36 Super Rainbow \$61 12 Games at \$300/\$400/\$500	<b>Bargain Bingo</b> Double Pack \$10 Extra Packs \$3 Electronic 5 Pack \$20 <b>Rainbow \$25</b> 12 Games at \$300/\$500	<b>Double Payouts</b> Double Pack \$30 Extra Packs \$7 Electronic 5 Pack \$40 Rainbow \$61 12 Games at \$600/\$1,000	
<b>King &amp; Queen</b> Double Pack \$10 Extra Packs \$3 Electronic 5 Pack \$20 Rainbow \$31 Super Rainbow \$56 12 Games at \$300/\$400/\$500	<b>BINGO CLOSED</b>	<b>BINGO CLOSED</b>	<b>In The Monitor</b> Double Pack \$10 Extra Packs \$5 Electronic 5 Pack \$25 Rainbow \$36 Super Rainbow \$61 12 Games at \$300/\$400/\$500	<b>FREE \$1,000 Packs</b> Double Pack \$10 Extra Packs \$5 Electronic 5 Pack \$25 Rainbow \$36 Super Rainbow \$61 12 Games at \$300/\$400/\$500	<b>Bargain Bingo</b> Double Pack \$10 Extra Packs \$3 Electronic 5 Pack \$20 <b>Rainbow \$25</b> 12 Games at \$300/\$500	<b>Even/Steven</b> Double Pack \$30 Extra Packs \$7 Electronic 5 Pack \$40 Rainbow \$61 12 Paper and Electronic WInners at \$500
<b>King &amp; Queen</b> Double Pack \$10 Extra Packs \$3 Electronic 5 Pack \$20 Rainbow \$31 Super Rainbow \$56 12 Games at \$300/\$400/\$500	<b>BINGO CLOSED</b>	<b>BINGO CLOSED</b>	<b>In The Monitor</b> Double Pack \$10 Extra Packs \$5 Electronic 5 Pack \$25 Rainbow \$36 Super Rainbow \$61 12 Games at \$300/\$400/\$500	<b>FREE \$1,000 Packs</b> Double Pack \$10 Extra Packs \$5 Electronic 5 Pack \$25 Rainbow \$36 Super Rainbow \$61 12 Games at \$300/\$400/\$500	<b>Bargain Bingo</b> Double Pack \$10 Extra Packs \$3 Electronic 5 Pack \$20 <b>Rainbow \$25</b> 12 Games at \$300/\$500	<b>Roulette Bingo</b> Double Pack \$30 Extra Packs \$7 Electronic 5 Pack \$40 Rainbow \$61 B Row-\$600, I Row-\$700 N Row-\$800, G Row-\$900, O Row-\$1,000
<b>King &amp; Queen</b> Double Pack \$10 Extra Packs \$3 Electronic 5 Pack \$20 Rainbow \$31 Super Rainbow \$56 12 Games at \$300/\$400/\$500	<b>BINGO CLOSED</b>	<b>BINGO CLOSED</b>	<b>In The Monitor</b> Double Pack \$10 Extra Packs \$5 Electronic 5 Pack \$25 Rainbow \$36 Super Rainbow \$61 12 Games at \$300/\$400/\$500	<b>FREE \$1,000 Packs</b> Double Pack \$10 Extra Packs \$5 Electronic 5 Pack \$25 Rainbow \$36 Super Rainbow \$61 12 Games at \$300/\$400/\$500	<b>Bargain Bingo</b> Double Pack \$10 Extra Packs \$3 Electronic 5 Pack \$20 <b>Rainbow \$25</b> 12 Games at \$300/\$500	<b>Even/Steven</b> Double Pack \$30 Extra Packs \$7 Electronic 5 Pack \$40 Rainbow \$61 12 Paper and Electronic WInners at \$500
<b>King &amp; Queen</b> Double Pack \$10 Extra Packs \$3 Electronic 5 Pack \$20 Rainbow \$31 Super Rainbow \$56 12 Games at \$300/\$400/\$500	<b>BINGO CLOSED</b>	<b>BINGO CLOSED</b>	<b>In The Monitor</b> Double Pack \$10 Extra Packs \$5 Electronic 5 Pack \$25 Rainbow \$36 Super Rainbow \$61 12 Games at \$300/\$400/\$500	<b>FREE \$1,000 Packs</b> Double Pack \$10 Extra Packs \$5 Electronic 5 Pack \$25 Rainbow \$36 Super Rainbow \$61 12 Games at \$300/\$400/\$500	<b>Bargain Bingo</b> Double Pack \$10 Extra Packs \$3 Electronic 5 Pack \$20 <b>Rainbow \$25</b> 12 Games at \$300/\$500	<b>Bingo</b> Double Pack \$30 Extra Packs \$7 Electronic 5 Pack \$40 Rainbow \$61 12 Paper and Electronic WInners at \$500
<b>Sundays in July</b> We'll pick 1 man and 1 woman to be the King & Queen, receive \$10 for every time your number is called on regular and special games.	<b>Wednesdays in July</b> Win \$100 if you are left in the monitor on a regular game.	<b>Thursdays in July</b> Receive 18 FREE \$1,000 cards with your 1st Super Rainbow purchase. Thursdays Only. Purchase up to 10 \$1,000 half packs in your machine.	<b>Birthday Bingo</b> Receive \$15 off your Buy-In and a FREE dauber on one session of your choice during the month of your Birthday!			

Wednesday – Saturday – Warm-Ups 6:15pm · Early Birds 6:30pm · Regular Games 7pm · Sundays – Warm-Ups 12:15pm · Early Birds 12:30pm · Regular Games 1pm

**JULY BINGO CALENDAR**

27 SCENIC DRIVE • TRINIDAD, CA 95570 • 707-677-3611 • 800-684-2464 • [WWW.CHERAEHEIGHTSCASINO.COM](http://WWW.CHERAEHEIGHTSCASINO.COM) • FREE SHUTTLE

Management reserves the right to change or cancel any promotion at any time. Bet with your head, not over it. Gambling problem? Call 1-800-522-4700.